

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

CIVIL ACTION NO.:

4 12447 RCL

JEFFREY SMITH
PLAINTIFF

vs.

CHARLIE'S PLACE, INC.
DEFENDANT

MAGISTRATE JUDGE Cohen

RECEIPT #
AMOUNT \$ 150
SUMMONS ISSUED YES
LOCAL RULE 4.1
WAIVER FORM
MCF ISSUED
BY DPTY. CLK. KLM
DATE 11/18/04

COMPLAINT

I. PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

1. This is an action seeking a temporary and permanent injunction and declaratory relief to remedy unlawful discrimination by the Defendant against the Plaintiff in the Defendant's place of public accommodation in violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. § 12181, *et seq.* ("ADA"). The Plaintiff, Jeffery Smith, on his own behalf and on behalf of all those similarly situated, bring this cause of action against Charlie's Place, Inc. as a cause of action allege as follows:

II. PARTIES

2. The Plaintiff Jeffery Smith is a resident of Massachusetts and is a qualified individual with disabilities within the meaning of all applicable statutes including the ADA and Massachusetts statutes.
3. The Plaintiff, Jeffery Smith, has visited Charlie's Place, Inc., a place of public accommodation,

located at 3075 Cranberry Highway, Wareham, Massachusetts and was unable to access and enjoy its goods and services.

4. The Defendant, Charlie's Place, Inc. is a Massachusetts Corporation with its principal place of business in Wareham, Massachusetts.
5. The Defendant, Charlie's Place, Inc. is a private entity that owns and operates Charlie's Place, Inc., located at 3075 Cranberry Highway, Wareham, Massachusetts, a place of public accommodation as defined in 42 U.S.C. § 12181, and an entity that is subject to the requirements of Title III of the ADA.
6. This case arises out of the Defendant's failure to remove architectural and communication barriers to access and unlawful practice of denying access to goods and services at its place of public accommodation to people with disabilities.

III. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

7. Jurisdiction is conferred upon this Court by 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and § 1343 in that this is an action arising under the laws of the United States and the Defendant is subject to personal jurisdiction.
8. Venue is appropriate in this Court under 28 U.S.C. § 1391; the claim having arisen in the District of Massachusetts.

IV. VIOLATIONS OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

9. All events giving rise to this lawsuit occurred in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
10. On or about July 26, 1990, Congress enacted the ADA, which is codified at 42 U.S.C. §12181 and 28 C.F.R. Part 36.

11. The Defendant has discriminated against the Plaintiff and continues to discriminate against the Plaintiff and others who are similarly situated by denying them access to, and full and equal enjoyment of the goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages and/or accommodations of Charlie's Place, Inc., as prohibited by 42 U.S.C. § 12181 *et seq.* by failing to remove architectural barriers as required by 42 U.S.C. § 12182(b)(2)(A)(iv) and by failing to make alterations in such a manner that, to the maximum extent feasible, the altered portions of the facility are readily accessible as required by 42 U.S.C. § 12183(a)(2).
12. Pursuant to the mandates of 42 U.S.C. § 12134(a), on July 26, 1991, the Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General, promulgated federal regulations to implement the requirements of the ADA. Those regulations are codified at 28 C.F.R. Part 36.
13. Charlie's Place, Inc. is a place of public accommodation subject to the provisions of Title III of the ADA.
14. Within one year before the filing of this complaint, the Plaintiff, Jeffery Smith, who uses a wheelchair for mobility, visited Charlie's Place, Inc. He intends to return to this place of public accommodation when the barriers to access are removed.
15. The Defendant has failed to remove barriers to access by persons with mobility disabilities at Charlie's Place, Inc. where such barrier removal is readily achievable.
16. The Defendant has failed to provide necessary auxiliary aids and services where provision of such auxiliary aids and services would not pose any undue economic or architectural burden.
17. The Defendant has failed to modify policies, practices and procedures at Charlie's Place, Inc., where required to ensure equal access for persons with mobility disabilities.
18. The Defendant has from time to time altered Charlie's Place, Inc. without complying with

access requirements mandated by Title III of the ADA.

19. Charlie's Place, Inc. lacks at least one accessible route complying with ADAAG 4.3 within the boundary of Charlie's Place, Inc. from public transportation stops and/or public streets or sidewalks to an accessible building entrance all as required by ADAAG 4.3.2.
20. The parking lot at Charlie's Place, Inc. lacks "van accessible" parking as required by ADAAG 4.1.2.(5)(b).
21. Charlie's Place, Inc. lacks an accessible entrance/exit as required by ADAAG 4.14.
22. There is no accessible route throughout Charlie's Place, Inc., as required by ADAAG 4.1.
23. Charlie's Place, Inc. lacks building signage as required by ADAAG 4.1 and 4.30.
24. Charlie's Place, Inc. lacks Grade II Brailled signage as required by ADAAG 4.30.4.
25. There are no accessible restrooms within Charlie's Place, Inc. as required by ADAAG 4.1, 4.16, 4.17, 4.22 and 4.23.
26. On information and belief, the Plaintiff alleges that there are other violations present at Charlie's Place, Inc. that will be more fully alleged upon discovery and further inspection.
27. The Defendant has failed to make efforts required under the ADA to remove such barriers to the extent readily achievable nor has the Defendant complied with accessibility standards to the maximum extent feasible.
28. The Defendant has also, by maintaining such barriers, failed to comply with the ADA and access requirements for areas of new construction or alteration.
29. The actions and initiatives which the Defendant has failed to undertake in order to make Charlie's Place, Inc. accessible to persons with disabilities are actions and initiatives that would be readily achievable, required by law, and would greatly assist persons with disabilities at

minimal expense to the Defendant.

30. The Defendant's conduct constitutes ongoing and continuous violations of the ADA and, unless restrained from doing so, the Defendant will continue to violate the ADA. Said conduct, unless enjoined, will continue to inflict injuries for which Plaintiffs have no adequate remedy at law.
31. The Plaintiff has retained the undersigned counsel to represent him in this case for injunctive relief and for the protection of his civil rights and the Plaintiff has agreed to pay his counsel reasonable attorneys' fees and the costs and expenses incurred in this action. The Plaintiff is entitled to recover reasonable attorneys' fees, costs and expenses from the Defendant pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 12205.
32. Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 12188, this Court is authorized to grant the Plaintiff injunctive relief by ordering the Defendant to alter the subject facilities by removing architectural barriers to access and use by individuals with mobility disabilities as required by the ADA; the Court is also authorized to close the subject facilities until the Defendant completes the required modifications and alterations.

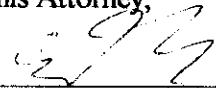
WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff respectfully prays this Honorable Court:

- a. Assume jurisdiction;
- b. Issue a temporary and permanent injunction, as authorized by 42 U.S.C. § 12188(a)(2), enjoining the Defendant from continuing its unlawful discrimination against persons with disabilities;
- c. Order the Defendant to alter the premises known as Charlie's Place, Inc., located at 3075 Cranberry Highway, Wareham, Massachusetts to make such facility readily accessible to and useable by individuals with disabilities to the extent required by the Americans with Disabilities Act and 28 C.F.R. Part 36;

- d. Award the Plaintiff appropriate attorneys' fees, expert fees and costs of this suit as provided by 42 U.S.C. § 12205;
- e. Award the Plaintiff such other additional and proper relief as may be just and equitable.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeffery Smith

By his Attorney,



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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

1. TITLE OF CASE (NAME OF FIRST PARTY ON EACH SIDE ONLY) Jeffrey Smith v. Charles Place, Inc.
2. CATEGORY IN WHICH THE CASE BELONGS BASED UPON THE NUMBERED NATURE OF SUIT CODE LISTED ON THE CIVIL COVER SHEET. (SEE LOCAL RULE 40.1(A)(1)).
- I. 160, 410, 470, R.23, REGARDLESS OF NATURE OF SUIT.
- 1 II. 195, 368, 400, 440, 441-444, 540, 550, 555, 625, 710, 720, 730, 740, 790, 791, 820*, 830*, 840*, 850, 890, 892-894, 895, 950. *Also complete AO 120 or AO 121 for patent, trademark or copyright cases
- III. 110, 120, 130, 140, 151, 190, 210, 230, 240, 245, 290, 310, 315, 320, 330, 340, 345, 350, 355, 360, 362, 365, 370, 371, 380, 385, 450, 891.
- IV. 220, 422, 423, 430, 460, 510, 530, 610, 620, 630, 640, 650, 660, 690, 810, 861-865, 870, 871, 875, 900.
- V. 150, 152, 153.
3. TITLE AND NUMBER, IF ANY, OF RELATED CASES. (SEE LOCAL RULE 40.1(G)). IF MORE THAN ONE PRIOR RELATED CASE HAS BEEN FILED IN THIS DISTRICT PLEASE INDICATE THE TITLE AND NUMBER OF THE FIRST FILED CASE IN THIS COURT.
N/A
4. HAS A PRIOR ACTION BETWEEN THE SAME PARTIES AND BASED ON THE SAME CLAIM EVER BEEN FILED IN THIS COURT?
YES ☐ NO ☒
5. DOES THE COMPLAINT IN THIS CASE QUESTION THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF AN ACT OF CONGRESS AFFECTING THE PUBLIC INTEREST? (SEE 28 USC §2403)
YES ☐ NO ☒
- IF SO, IS THE U.S.A. OR AN OFFICER, AGENT OR EMPLOYEE OF THE U.S. A PARTY?
YES ☐ NO ☐
6. IS THIS CASE REQUIRED TO BE HEARD AND DETERMINED BY A DISTRICT COURT OF THREE JUDGES PURSUANT TO TITLE 28 USC §2284?
YES ☐ NO ☒
7. DO ALL OF THE PARTIES IN THIS ACTION, EXCLUDING GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS ("GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES"), RESIDING IN MASSACHUSETTS RESIDE IN THE SAME DIVISION? - (SEE LOCAL RULE 40.1(D)).
YES ☒ NO ☐
- A. IF YES, IN WHICH DIVISION DO ALL OF THE NON-GOVERNMENTAL PARTIES RESIDE?
EASTERN DIVISION ☒ CENTRAL DIVISION ☐ WESTERN DIVISION ☐
- B. IF NO, IN WHICH DIVISION DO THE MAJORITY OF THE PLAINTIFFS OR THE ONLY PARTIES, EXCLUDING GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES, RESIDING IN MASSACHUSETTS RESIDE?
EASTERN DIVISION ☐ CENTRAL DIVISION ☐ WESTERN DIVISION ☐
- (PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)
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CIVIL COVER SHEET

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I. (a) PLAINTIFFS

Jeffrey Smith

(b) COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED PLAINTIFF Plymouth
(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

(c) ATTORNEYS (FIRM NAME, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER)

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Lawrence, MA 01852

DEFENDANTS

Charles Place, Inc.

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED DEFENDANT Plymouth
(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED.

ATTORNEYS (IF KNOWN)

II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION

(PLACE AN "X" IN ONE BOX ONLY)

- ☐ 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff
☐ 2 U.S. Government Defendant
☒ 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)
☐ 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES

(For Diversity Cases Only)

(PLACE AN "X" IN ONE BOX FOR PLAINTIFF AND ONE BOX FOR DEFENDANT)

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|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Citizen of This State | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | Incorporated or Principal Place of Business in This State | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 |
| Citizen of Another State | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | Incorporated and Principal Place of Business in Another State | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 |
| Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | Foreign Nation | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 |

IV. NATURE OF SUIT

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CONTRACT	TORTS	FORFEITURE/PENALTY	BANKRUPTCY	OTHER STATUTES
<input type="checkbox"/> 110 Insurance <input type="checkbox"/> 120 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 130 Miller Act <input type="checkbox"/> 140 Negotiable Instrument <input type="checkbox"/> 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment <input type="checkbox"/> 151 Medicare Act <input type="checkbox"/> 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Excl. Veterans) <input type="checkbox"/> 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits <input type="checkbox"/> 160 Stockholders' Suits <input type="checkbox"/> 190 Other Contract <input type="checkbox"/> 195 Contract Product Liability	PERSONAL INJURY <input type="checkbox"/> 310 Airplane <input type="checkbox"/> 315 Airplane Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 320 Assault, Libel & Slander <input type="checkbox"/> 330 Federal Employers' Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 340 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 345 Marine Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 350 Motor Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> 355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 360 Other Personal Injury PERSONAL INJURY <input type="checkbox"/> 362 Personal Injury — Med. Malpractice <input type="checkbox"/> 365 Personal Injury — Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 368 Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability PERSONAL PROPERTY <input type="checkbox"/> 370 Other Fraud <input type="checkbox"/> 371 Truth in Lending <input type="checkbox"/> 380 Other Personal Property Damage <input type="checkbox"/> 385 Property Damage Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 610 Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> 620 Other Food & Drug <input type="checkbox"/> 625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 881 <input type="checkbox"/> 630 Liquor Laws <input type="checkbox"/> 640 R.R. & Truck <input type="checkbox"/> 650 Airline Regs. <input type="checkbox"/> 660 Occupational Safety/Health <input type="checkbox"/> 690 Other	<input type="checkbox"/> 422 Appeal 28 USC 158 <input type="checkbox"/> 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157 PROPERTY RIGHTS <input type="checkbox"/> 820 Copyrights <input type="checkbox"/> 830 Patent <input type="checkbox"/> 840 Trademark	<input type="checkbox"/> 400 State Reapportionment <input type="checkbox"/> 410 Antitrust <input type="checkbox"/> 430 Banks and Banking <input type="checkbox"/> 450 Commerce/ICC Rates/etc. <input type="checkbox"/> 460 Deportation <input type="checkbox"/> 470 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations <input type="checkbox"/> 810 Selective Service <input type="checkbox"/> 850 Securities/Commodities/Exchange <input type="checkbox"/> 875 Customer Challenge 12 USC 3410 <input type="checkbox"/> 891 Agricultural Acts <input type="checkbox"/> 892 Economic Stabilization Act <input type="checkbox"/> 893 Environmental Matters <input type="checkbox"/> 894 Energy Allocation Act <input type="checkbox"/> 895 Freedom of Information Act <input type="checkbox"/> 900 Appeal of Fee Determination Under Equal Access to Justice <input type="checkbox"/> 950 Constitutionality of State Statutes <input type="checkbox"/> 890 Other Statutory Actions
REAL PROPERTY <input type="checkbox"/> 210 Land Condemnation <input type="checkbox"/> 220 Foreclosure <input type="checkbox"/> 230 Rent Lease & Ejectment <input type="checkbox"/> 240 Torts to Land <input type="checkbox"/> 245 Tort Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 290 All Other Real Property	CIVIL RIGHTS <input type="checkbox"/> 441 Voting <input type="checkbox"/> 442 Employment <input type="checkbox"/> 443 Housing/Accommodations <input type="checkbox"/> 444 Welfare <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 440 Other Civil Rights	PRISONER PETITIONS <input type="checkbox"/> 510 Motions to Vacate Sentence HABEAS CORPUS: <input type="checkbox"/> 530 General <input type="checkbox"/> 535 Death Penalty <input type="checkbox"/> 540 Mandamus & Other <input type="checkbox"/> 550 Civil Rights <input type="checkbox"/> 555 Prison Condition	LABOR <input type="checkbox"/> 710 Fair Labor Standards Act <input type="checkbox"/> 720 Labor/Mgmt. Relations <input type="checkbox"/> 730 Labor/Mgmt. Reporting & Disclosure Act <input type="checkbox"/> 740 Railway Labor Act <input type="checkbox"/> 790 Other Labor Litigation <input type="checkbox"/> 791 Empl. Ret. Inc. Security Act	SOCIAL SECURITY <input type="checkbox"/> 861 HIA (1395ff) <input type="checkbox"/> 862 Black Lung (923) <input type="checkbox"/> 863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g)) <input type="checkbox"/> 864 SSD Title XVI <input type="checkbox"/> 865 RSI (405(g)) FEDERAL TAX SUITS <input type="checkbox"/> 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant) <input type="checkbox"/> 871 IRS — Third Party 26 USC 7609

V. ORIGIN

(PLACE AN "X" IN ONE BOX ONLY)

- ☒ 1 Original Proceeding
☐ 2 Removed from State Court
☐ 3 Remanded from Appellate Court
☐ 4 Reinstated or Reopened
☐ 5 Transferred from another district (specify)
☐ 6 Multidistrict Litigation
☐ 7 Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment

VI. CAUSE OF ACTION

(CITE THE U.S. CIVIL STATUTE UNDER WHICH YOU ARE FILING AND WRITE BRIEF STATEMENT OF CAUSE. DO NOT CITE JURISDICTIONAL STATUTES UNLESS DIVERSITY.)

Title III of ADA 42 USC 12181 Denial of access and right to full and equal enjoyment of services and goods at a place of public accommodation.

VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:

CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER F.R.C.P. 23 ☐

DEMAND \$

Temp + perm inj. relief costs fees

CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:

JURY DEMAND: ☐ YES ☒ NO

VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY

JUDGE

DOCKET NUMBER

DATE

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD

11/16/04

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